

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of June 4, 2009

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 4, 2009, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Daniel F. Caruso at 2:09 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Judge Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner McCarthy)
Gerald J. Heffernan
(designee for Commissioner Downes)
Philip T. Ashton

Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Barbara Currier Bell
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
James Murphy
Edward S. Wilensky

Staff Members Present:

Fred O. Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Melanie Bachman
Staff Attorney
Christina Walsh
Staff Attorney

Robert D. Mercier
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

Minutes of May 7, 2009.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Minutes of May 7, 2009; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of May 12, 2009.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Minutes of May 12, 2009, as amended; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

Minutes of May 14, 2009.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2009; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

Minutes of May 28, 2009.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Minutes of May 28, 2009; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

DOCKET NO. F-2009 - Connecticut Siting Council Review of the Ten-Year Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve party status to NRG Energy, Inc., NRG Power Marketing, Inc. (NRGPMI), Connecticut Jet Power LLC, Devon Power LLC, Middletown Power LLC, Montville Power LLC, Norwalk Power LLC, and Meriden Gas Turbines LLC, (collectively, the “NRG Companies” or “NRG”); seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 270 - Wireless Solutions X, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility located at 202 North Wawecus Hill Road, Norwich, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate from Wireless Solutions X, LLC to Florida Tower Partners, LLC with the condition that Florida Tower Partners, LLC remove all vegetation from the compound and install appropriate vegetation control fabric beneath the compound gravel within 60 days and thereafter shall maintain it; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 370 – Consolidated proceeding pursuant to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) Request for Proposal (RFP) process under C.G.S. §16a-7c. Original application: The Connecticut Light & Power Company application for Certificates of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut Valley Electric Transmission Reliability Projects which consist of (1) The Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, and Suffield, or potentially including an alternate portion that traverses the municipalities of Suffield and Enfield, terminating at the North Bloomfield Substation; and (2) the Manchester Substation to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation Project in Manchester, Connecticut. Competing application: NRG Energy, Inc. application pursuant to C.G.S. §16-50/(a)(3) for consideration of a 530 MW combined cycle generating plant in Meriden, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve intervenor status to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve party status to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve intervenor status to the Farmington River Watershed Association; seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve party status to the Citizens Against Overhead Power Line Construction; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch recusing.

DOCKET NO. 379 – SBA Tower II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 12 Burr Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve intervenor status to Thomas H. Midney; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 843 - The NRG Energy, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of four 50 MW Peaking Units at its Devon Facility located at 700 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford, Connecticut. Request for Amendment.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the amendment on this petition; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Dr. Bell recusing.

PETITION NO. 862 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a temporary telecommunications facility located at 500 Queen Street, Southington, Connecticut. Request for Extension.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Request for Extension until October 1, 2009 to allow the Cell-On-Wheels (COW) to remain in place pending the completion of the permanent facility; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 895 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for proposed modifications to an existing wireless telecommunications tower located at 29 Bogus Hill Road, New Fairfield, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve this petition; seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 896 - The Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of four 2.5 megawatt emergency generators at two locations, adjacent to existing electrical substations and infrastructures located at 1268 Poquonnock Road, and 170 Gary Court in the Town of Groton, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to table this item to allow the Town of Groton further time to review the petition; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 897 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed removal of an existing single-circuit 115-kV transmission line segment between Carpenter Lane Junction and Colony Substation in Wallingford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition with the condition that Noctuid moth habitat, if found, be protected; seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 899 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed extension of an existing telecommunications tower at 370 Rockland Road, Guilford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch voting no.

PETITION NO. 900 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for proposed modifications to the existing CL&P Norwalk Substation located at New Canaan Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition; seconded by Mr. Tait. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 901 - The Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation and operation of two 2.5 MW electric generators and associated equipment located at 37 Camp Moween Road, Lebanon, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition; seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Upon discussion, Dr. Bell moved to table this petition to obtain more information regarding CMEEC's total peaking project plans throughout Connecticut; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed with Mr. Heffernan and Mr. Ashton voting no.

TS-POCKET-166-090429 – Youghioghenny Communications-Northeast, LLC d/b/a Pocket Communications request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Kenea Avenue, Wolcott, Connecticut.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve Youghioghenny Communications-Northeast, LLC d/b/a Pocket Communications request for an order to approve tower sharing at this existing telecommunications facility with the following conditions:

- The applicant shall take steps to mitigate the generator noise and ensure compliance of applicable noise standards; and
- An updated structural analysis taking into account the microwave dish shall be submitted to the Council prior to the installation of such dish on the tower.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and passed with Mr. Wilensky abstaining and Mr. Lynch voting no.

TS-POCKET-064-090513 – Youghioghenny Communications-Northeast, LLC d/b/a Pocket Communications request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 920 Maple Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. Murphy moved to table this item per the applicant's request; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Adjournment.

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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